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In re Patent Application of:
Pradman QASBA

Application No.: 10/580,108

Confirmation No.: 9769

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Art Unit: 1644

For: TARGETED DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR
BIOACTIVE AGENTS

Examiner: HUYHN, Phuong N

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action dated March 26, 2008.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement. In particular, it is believed that multiple groups can be searched and examined together without undue burden. Considerable time and expense will be saved if all species can be considered at this time, rather than pursuing multiple divisional applications. Reconsideration of the Restriction is earnestly solicited.

In any event, to provide a complete response, Applicant hereby elects Group 1 (claims 1 – 12 and 43 - 45), as that Group is defined in the Office Action.

In addition, the Examiner has indicated that if Group I is selected, that Applicant must select one embodiment from each of the following groups. Applicant hereby provisionally elects the following:

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- (A) Distinct bioactive agents. Applicant hereby provisionally elects polypeptides from the group of bioactive agents. Claims that include this species include claim 2.
- (B) A specific targeting compound. Applicant hereby provisionally elects glycoprotein as the specific targeting compound. Claims that include this species include claim 3.
- (C) A specific modified saccharide compound. Applicant hereby provisionally elects galactose. Claims that include this species include claims 8-11.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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